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“ADVANCING CHILD-CENTRED JUSTICE:
Preventing And Responding to Violence Affecting Children In Child Justice Systems”



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Alpha Sesay was appointed Attorney General and Minister of Justice in December 2024. Before his appointment, he served as the Deputy Minister of Justice for Sierra Leone. He holds a Master's degree (LL.M) in International Human Rights Law from the University of Notre Dame Law School, USA, and a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B. Hons) from the University of Sierra Leone. He was called to the Sierra Leone Bar in 2004.

Before he was appointed Deputy Minister of Justice, Mr. Sesay served as the Senior Democracy, Rights, and Governance Advisor for USAID in Sierra Leone. He also held the position of Senior Advocacy Officer at the Open Society Justice Initiative, based in Washington, DC (USA), where he focused on human rights litigation and advocacy before regional and international human rights mechanisms.

Mr. Sesay has extensive experience in international human rights, international criminal justice, and broader issues relating to accountability for atrocity crimes. He has worked with Institutions such as the Special Court for Sierra Leone, the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague, and regional human rights bodies, including the ECOWAS Court, the African Commission, and Court on Human and Peoples' Rights. He has engaged with international and regional bodies, including the United Nations, European Union, and African Union, on various issues, including Human Rights, Governance, Rule of Law, and Justice Sector Reform.



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